AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method in a user computer for sending a voice message, the method comprising:

recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers;

storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message; and

outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the recording step includes recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message using mu-law encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the recording step includes recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols.

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4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, wherein the storing step includes generating a MIME extension recognizable by the voice messaging system and based on the one encoding protocol utilized by the executable browser plug-in resource.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, further comprising reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource prior to the outputting step.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file using an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A user computer comprising:

a recorder configured for recording a voice message input by a user according to selected encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers, the recorder configured for storing the voice message as a data file having a selectable MIME type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message; and

an e-mail client configured for sending the data file to a destination voice mailbox for one

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of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the user, using a prescribed messaging protocol, enabling access by the voice messaging system for the corresponding one voice messaging subscriber.

9. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 8, wherein the recorder is configured for encoding the voice message using at least one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols.

10. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 9, wherein the recorder includes an executable plug-in resource having executable code including instructions for performing the encoding according to the at least one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols.

11. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 9, wherein the recorder selects the MIME type for the data file based on the one encoding protocol used to encode the voice message.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions for sending a voice message, the sequences of instructions including instructions for performing the steps of:

recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers;

storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message;

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and

outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination

voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice

messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

13. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 12, wherein the recording step includes

recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for

encoding the voice message using mu-law encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

14. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 12, wherein the recording step includes

recording the voice message using an executable browser plug-in resource configured for

encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding

protocols.

15. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 14, wherein the storing step includes generating

a MIME extension recognizable by the voice messaging system and based on the one encoding

protocol utilized by the executable browser plug-in resource.

16. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 14, further comprising instructions for

performing the step of reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource

prior to the outputting step.

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17. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 12, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file using an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

18. (ORIGINAL) The medium of claim 17, wherein the outputting step includes outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A user computer configured for sending a voice message, the user computer comprising:

means for recording by an executable browser plug-in resource a voice message spoken by a calling party based on encoding parameters recognized by a voice messaging system configured for storing voice messages for a plurality of voice messaging subscribers;

means for storing the voice message within a data file having a selectable Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type recognizable by the voice messaging system as a voice message; and

means for outputting the data file using a prescribed messaging protocol for transfer to a destination voice mailbox accessible by the voice messaging system for a corresponding one of the voice messaging subscribers distinct from the calling party.

20. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the recording means includes an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message using mu-law

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encoding at an encoding rate of 8 kHz.

21. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the recording means includes an executable browser plug-in resource configured for encoding the voice message according to any one of G.711, G.729, and GSM encoding protocols.

22. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 21, wherein the storing means is configured for generating a MIME extension recognizable by the voice messaging system and based on the one encoding protocol utilized by the executable browser plug-in resource.

23. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 21, wherein the recording means includes means for reviewing the voice message by the executable browser plug-in resource prior to the outputting step.

24. (ORIGINAL) The user computer of claim 19, wherein the outputting means includes an executable e-mail client configured for sending the data file using a prescribed e-mail protocol as the prescribed messaging protocol.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The user computer of claim [[25]] 24, wherein the outputting means is configured for outputting the data file to the destination voice mailbox according to one of SMTP protocol and IMAP protocol.

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